

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Alexander Melville Bell, Eliza Symonds Bell, Carrie Bell, January 31, 1873, with transcript

3rd copy Copy of a letter written by Alexander Graham Bell to his parents and Carrie. 35 West Newton Street, Boston, January 31st, 1873. Dear Papa, Mama and Carrie:

I commence a new pupil tomorrow. Mrs. Mitchell and her little daughter come on Monday. Miss Jones commences on Wednesday. Small-pox steadily expiring. Its area becomes more and more circumscribed. Your letter of the 26th inst. received. Glad to hear your (Mama's) arm is better. Find there are several queries I have forgotten to answer. I told you I called several times on Mr. Hanson, but found his rooms locked up. He has left his old quarters suddenly, and nothing is known of his present location. Pictures and everything have disappeared!

I sent 2 pamphlets to Marie, but, as I suppose they have been burnt up with your letter, I post two others with this. Enclosed is a letter received from Uncle James.

Mr. Alger is well. I had a most pleasant evening at his house. Since Miss Hull's arrival I have been unable to make any calls. Miss Hull will be unable, I am afraid, to pay you a visit.

Miss Fuller has just told me of a pamphlet that has been published recently by Dr. Turnbull of Philadelphia (a very celebrated Aurist. I think I showed you his book on the diseases of the ear. A large illustrated volume). The title of the pamphlet is "Bell's System of Visible Speech, applied to the deaf."!! He speaks of the system with the highest praise. Speaks also of the Boston Day-School and urges that Philadelphia and all the large 2 cities of the States should establish Day-Schools. He reproduces the illustrations from my article

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in the Old and New and gives my address here. It is strange that he should never have corresponded with me and should never have sent a copy of his pamphlet here.

Have you had any correspondence with him?

I am anxious to see the pamphlet. Miss Fuller is to send her copy to me to-day.

With much love, Aleck. Prof. A. M. Bell, Brantford, Ontario.